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A Thank You To Helpers!

I wish to take thos opportunity to thank all the workers who helped with the Skin Cancer Detection Clinic here Sunday, August 17. Your assistance made it a wonderful success.

Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien,
President, Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society

HOLLYWOOD

Rev. Paul Balthaser brought us a fine message on prayer Sunday morning at Hollywood.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Balthaser and family, Central on Hollywood Baptist Churches were host to a Dedication Service and Open House for their new parsonage Sunday afternoon on Route 2. Each of us are so thankful to everyone who had a part in anyway making this come to pass and for each one who came and helped us celebrate this happy occasion we are very grateful.

Mrs. C. R. Banton returned home Thursday from the hospital. We pray she may soon be well. Visiting her last week were Rev. Paul Balthaser, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

We are very sorry Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield were very sick with flu during the last few days. We pray they may soon be well. Visiting them Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Watson, Mr. Walker Webb and Mr. Elmo Smith..

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner, Mrs. Emma Lemon and Mrs. Mary Bagby spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Moore, of Phenix.

We are so glad to hear Mrs. H. W. Jenkins is feeling somewhat better. We pray she may soon be well.

Rev. Otis Smith spent last week at Ridgecrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner were supper guest of Miss Claudine O'Brien Tuesday night. They, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Torrence and Mrs. Mary Bagby were dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Lemon Wednesday night at Maudes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam visited their sisters, Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mrs. Otis Smith, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman spent the day and night Tuesday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg, were luncheon guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family. Miss Odelle Webb returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and Mrs. Scott Sheets visited Mrs. C. R. Banton in the hospital. Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Mrs. Ber Abbitt and Mrs. Mamie Hancock in the rest homes in Lynchburg last week.

Supper guests Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. James Carson were Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence and Mrs. James Conner spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock, of Richmond.

Mrs. Ioan Mayberry, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and daughter, Dalorious Ann, visited Mrs. Ruby Cosbie and Mrs. Effie Tuggle of Lynchburg Friday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stokes and family, of Brookneal Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sheets were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mosedale, of Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodall, Susan, of Lynchburg, and their grandchildren, Chris, Brian and Laura of Roanoke, visited relatives in Appomattox Saturday afternoon.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the families of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Mr. Robert Bryant in the loss of their loved ones.

Visitors of Mrs. C. R. Banton and Mrs. Grover Smith Sunday were Miss Mildred Smoot, of Madison Heights and Mrs. Donald Wood and son, of Amherst.

All of Mrs. Grover Beasley Sr.'s children have been visiting her lately.

Mrs. Mary Bagby had Mrs. Emma Lemon and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner for breakfast Saturday morning. They and Mrs. Bagby visited Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Pickerel of Lynchburg, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Alfred Almond called in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby one afternoon last week.

We were very sorry to hear Mrs. Francis O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones' daughter had the misfortune to break their arms last week. We hope both may soon be well.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mr. Ray Ferguson. Our sympathy is extended to his loved ones.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Norval Bagby to their new home on Route 2, and we pray Mr. Bagby may soon be better.

The Pastor Speaks

"For in Him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28

This verse is part of the sermon the Apostle Paul gave while he was at Mars Hill in Athens. The Bible tells us that on this hill were many statues to every idol or god they were known to worship. And in case they missed one, they had an altar with the inscription "to the unknown God."

Paul used this occasion of finding this statue as an opportunity to tell the people about the true and living God, and about Jesus Christ God's only begotten Son who came to earth and suffered and died and rose again as our Saviour. It is in Jesus Christ that we as Christians "live, and move" and have our being." If you have believed in Jesus Christ as your Saviour, I think you have found this verse true. He has given us a new life and we live in Him. He wants to lead and guide us in everything that we do. God has a divine plan for each of our lives. It is good and the very best for us. The next verse after our text is based on the fact of a living God who is concerned and leading the Christians. It reads "we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or stone, graven by art and man's device." Think about this verse. In it is a question for you. Is the God you serve made from gold, silver or stone or some other material? Not too often do people here in our area worship idols or statues which have been designed and built by man. I believe, however, there are some people in our area whose god is material things. Their lives are occupied by special thing that takes most of their time and attention. This is a god to you since it takes most of the time you have and there is not time left for worshipping or serving God or going to church.

Today by faith, anyone who wants to can stop serving material things and start serving Jesus Christ as God.

Pray, confess your sin to God, asking Him to give you that new life so that in Him you can live, move and have your being.

Rev. Paul A. Balthaser
Hollywood Baptist Church
Central Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For August 31, 1975

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE TO GROW
Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48; 2 Timothy 1:3-2:7

As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

In the nature of life, a person upon attaining physical maturity stops growing in height, and his physical well-being calls for him to stop growing in weight and girth also. But a person need never stop growing intellectually, socially, or spiritually. The world of knowledge constantly challenges and inspires us to keep growing intellectually throughout life. The social dimension of our life keeps challenging us to continue to grow in our social relationships that we may be better neighbors and better citizens. Throughout the Scriptures, we are challenged to keep growing spiritually "until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

One of the Scripture passages for this week's International Sunday School lesson contains Jesus' challenge to His disciples to worship and grow spiritually. The other contains Paul's challenge to a younger Christian friend and associate to continue to grow spiritually, building upon the heritage of faith his family bequeathed him. Both passages challenge believers in every age to continue to cultivate spiritual growth.

Suppose intellectual growth ended when the individual learned to read and write. There would be no progress, no accumulation and expansion of knowledge. Learning the skills of reading and writing is the foundation on which the structure of knowledge and progress is built; it is the door by which a person enters the exciting and ever broadening world of the mind.

Suppose social growth ended with the individual's first involvement with others, the child's playmate stage. The rich rewards of mature friendship and of service to humanity would remain beyond the scope of a person's experience.

Suppose spiritual growth ended with one's initial commitment to God. He would never experience a deeper sense of God's will for his life or the deeper and clearer insight into God's relationship with people. Just as learning to read and write is an important stepping stone in intellectual growth and the playmate stage a preliminary exercise in friendship leading to the deeper and more abiding friendships of maturity, so the initial commitment to God opens the door to continuing growth in understanding & appreciating the depth and height and length and breadth of the meaning and significance of God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ.

Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount gave a fresh, new and broader dimension to the Commandments which the people of Israel used as guidelines for living. In the sixth and last of these new dimensions, Jesus dealt with a popular but distorted extension of the commandment to love one's neighbor. Hate your enemy is nowhere enjoined in the Old Testament, but the scribes reasoned this alternative from the commandment.

The objective in spiritual growth is to be godly and godlike. God grants His blessings to those who do not live in commitment to Him as well as to those who do. As He provides the life-giving mercies of sun and rain, He does not discriminate between those who are good and those who are evil, between the godly and the ungodly. He sets the example for those who would take His ways as their model to love their enemies and pray for those who mistreat them.

To befriend an enemy, to pray for those who abuse and persecute one are marks of spiritual maturity. Jesus told His disciples to do these things, because in doing them they would cultivate the spiritual growth which would bring them "to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of" Himself.

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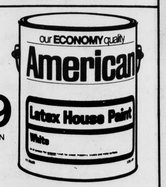

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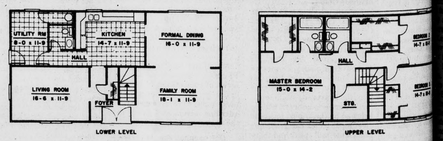

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Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby and Miss Mittie Cumby spent last week in Richmond visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin. They attended the Busch Gardens in Williamsburg.

Mrs. Joseph Pistorio and son Joe, Jr., of Baltimore returned home last Sunday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baldwin. Last Sunday they joined Mr. Pistorio in Richmond and visited Kings Dominion. Mrs. David Page of Appomattox accompanied them.

Mrs. Howard T. Williams, Jr. is undergoing treatment at Southside Community Hospital in Farmville.

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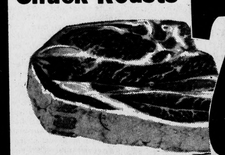

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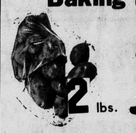

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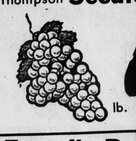

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